

this restriction on the grounds that as the group II claims 45-51 are directed to methods of determining a special category or subgroup of a group (*i.e.*, circulating microparticles and/or stimulated procoagulant cells) of the group I claims 36-44, a complete search for the group I claims 36-44 would inherently encompass a search for the group II claims 45-51. Therefore, searching for both the group I and group II claims places no serious or undue burden on the Examiner.

In response to the Notice of Informal Application, Applicants have included an Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto as a separate sheet.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request an early examination and an early action on the merits.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an, together with any additional fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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